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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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On Jan 12, 2019, at 4:25 PM, Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov> wrote:

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Denver, Colorado - VB/I70 Mtg

The Vasquez Boulevard/Interstate 70 Superfund Site (VB/I-70) Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 15th. The EPA, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and the City and County of Denver (CCD) are active participants on the CAG and routinely attend the monthly meetings. The meeting will be held without EPA. The CAG leaders have vigorously voiced their concerns to local, state and Congressional representatives, and there has been some press coverage at the CAG meetings in the past few months. At Tuesday's meeting, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will be presenting and discussing the alignment of a sanitary sewer through Operable Unit 2 of the Superfund Site, as part of the I-70 construction project. EPA's absence may be noted by the press, if present.

Vernal, Utah - Formal Consultation with Ute Indian Tribe

In light of the federal government shutdown, Region 8 canceled a formal consultation with the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation (Vernal, Utah) scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019. The purpose of this formal consultation was to discuss air quality issues in the Uinta Basin (related to nonattainment of the 2015 national ozone standard) and, specifically, to review the Region's draft Uintah and Ouray Reservation Specific Federal Implementation Plan. The January 2019 consultation was highly anticipated by the Ute Tribal Business Committee. The Business Committee referenced the meeting in recent correspondence to Acting Administrator Wheeler. The Region understands this consultation was also discussed at HQ's Dec. 6, 2018 meeting in D.C. with certain Business Committee members. Media coverage of the cancellation is not likely but given the high level of interest in this consultation and frustrations with continued delays, the Tribe would likely raise it if given an opportunity in any venue.

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